

Fill in this information to identify your case:

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

Case number (if known)

Chapter you are filing under:

- Chapter 7
- Chapter 11
- Chapter 12
- Chapter 13

Check if this an amended filing

Official Form 101

Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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The bankruptcy forms use you and Debtor 1 to refer to a debtor filing alone. A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*—and in joint cases, these forms use you to ask for information from both debtors. For example, if a form asks, “Do you own a car,” the answer would be yes if either debtor owns a car. When information is needed about the spouses separately, the form uses *Debtor 1* and *Debtor 2* to distinguish between them. In joint cases, one of the spouses must report information as *Debtor 1* and the other as *Debtor 2*. The same person must be *Debtor 1* in all of the forms.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Part 1: Identify Yourself

About Debtor 1:

1. Your full name

Write the name that is on your government-issued picture identification (for example, your driver's license or passport).

Bring your picture identification to your meeting with the trustee.

Joseph

First name

S.

Middle name

Choat

Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)

About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

First name

Middle name

Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)

2. All other names you have used in the last 8 years

Include your married or maiden names.

3. Only the last 4 digits of your Social Security number or federal Individual Taxpayer Identification number (ITIN)

xxx-xx-6806

Debtor 1 Joseph S. Choat**About Debtor 1:****4. Any business names and Employer Identification Numbers (EIN) you have used in the last 8 years** I have not used any business name or EINs.Include trade names and *doing business as* names

Business name(s)

EINs

About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case): I have not used any business name or EINs.

Business name(s)

EINs

5. Where you live**531 Cayuga Street
Joliet, IL 60432**

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Will

County

If your mailing address is different from the one above, fill it in here. Note that the court will send any notices to you at this mailing address.

Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

If Debtor 2 lives at a different address:

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

County

If Debtor 2's mailing address is different from yours, fill it in here. Note that the court will send any notices to this mailing address.

Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

6. Why you are choosing this district to file for bankruptcy**Check one:**

- Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I have lived in this district longer than in any other district.
- I have another reason. Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.)

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Part 2: Tell the Court About Your Bankruptcy Case

7. The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are choosing to file under *Check one. (For a brief description of each, see Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)). Also, go to the top of page 1 and check the appropriate box.*

Chapter 7
 Chapter 11
 Chapter 12
 Chapter 13

8. How you will pay the fee **I will pay the entire fee when I file my petition.** Please check with the clerk's office in your local court for more details about how you may pay. Typically, if you are paying the fee yourself, you may pay with cash, cashier's check, or money order. If your attorney is submitting your payment on your behalf, your attorney may pay with a credit card or check with a pre-printed address.

I need to pay the fee in installments. If you choose this option, sign and attach the *Application for Individuals to Pay The Filing Fee in Installments* (Official Form 103A).

I request that my fee be waived (You may request this option only if you are filing for Chapter 7. By law, a judge may, but is not required to, waive your fee, and may do so only if your income is less than 150% of the official poverty line that applies to your family size and you are unable to pay the fee in installments). If you choose this option, you must fill out the *Application to Have the Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived* (Official Form 103B) and file it with your petition.

9. Have you filed for bankruptcy within the last 8 years?

No.
 Yes.

District	Northern District of Illinois		
	When	4/26/17	Case number
District			17-13045
District	When		Case number
District	When		Case number

10. Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a spouse who is not filing this case with you, or by a business partner, or by an affiliate?

No
 Yes.

Debtor	Relationship to you		
District	When	Case number, if known	_____
Debtor		Relationship to you	_____
District	When	Case number, if known	_____

11. Do you rent your residence?

No. Go to line 12.

Yes. Has your landlord obtained an eviction judgment against you and do you want to stay in your residence?

No. Go to line 12.

Yes. Fill out *Initial Statement About an Eviction Judgment Against You* (Form 101A) and file it with this bankruptcy petition.

Debtor 1 Joseph S. Choat**Part 3: Report About Any Businesses You Own as a Sole Proprietor****12. Are you a sole proprietor of any full- or part-time business?** No. Go to Part 4. Yes. Name and location of business

A sole proprietorship is a business you operate as an individual, and is not a separate legal entity such as a corporation, partnership, or LLC.

If you have more than one sole proprietorship, use a separate sheet and attach it to this petition.

Joseph Choat

Name of business, if any

**531 Cayuga
Joliet, IL 60432**

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Check the appropriate box to describe your business:

Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))
 Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))
 Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))
 Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))
 None of the above

13. Are you filing under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and are you a small business debtor?

For a definition of *small business debtor*, see 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D).

If you are filing under Chapter 11, the court must know whether you are a *small business debtor* so that it can set appropriate deadlines. If you indicate that you are a *small business debtor*, you must attach your most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. 1116(1)(B).

 No. I am not filing under Chapter 11. No. I am filing under Chapter 11, but I am NOT a *small business debtor* according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code. Yes. I am filing under Chapter 11 and I am a *small business debtor* according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.**Part 4: Report if You Own or Have Any Hazardous Property or Any Property That Needs Immediate Attention****14. Do you own or have any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety? Or do you own any property that needs immediate attention?**

For example, do you own perishable goods, or livestock that must be fed, or a building that needs urgent repairs?

 No. Yes.

What is the hazard?

If immediate attention is needed, why is it needed?

Where is the property?

Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code

Part 5: Explain Your Efforts to Receive a Briefing About Credit Counseling

15. Tell the court whether you have received a briefing about credit counseling.

The law requires that you receive a briefing about credit counseling before you file for bankruptcy. You must truthfully check one of the following choices. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file.

If you file anyway, the court can dismiss your case, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors can begin collection activities again.

About Debtor 1:

You must check one:

I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you MUST file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

I certify that I asked for credit counseling services from an approved agency, but was unable to obtain those services during the 7 days after I made my request, and exigent circumstances merit a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement.

To ask for a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement, attach a separate sheet explaining what efforts you made to obtain the briefing, why you were unable to obtain it before you filed for bankruptcy, and what exigent circumstances required you to file this case.

Your case may be dismissed if the court is dissatisfied with your reasons for not receiving a briefing before you filed for bankruptcy. If the court is satisfied with your reasons, you must still receive a briefing within 30 days after you file. You must file a certificate from the approved agency, along with a copy of the payment plan you developed, if any. If you do not do so, your case may be dismissed.

Any extension of the 30-day deadline is granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days.

I am not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling because of:

Incapacity.

I have a mental illness or a mental deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.

Disability.

My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.

Active duty.

I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver credit counseling with the court.

About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

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Part 6: Answer These Questions for Reporting Purposes

16. What kind of debts do you have?	16a. Are your debts primarily consumer debts? Consumer debts are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose."		
	<input type="checkbox"/> No. Go to line 16b.		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. Go to line 17.		
16b. Are your debts primarily business debts? Business debts are debts that you incurred to obtain money for a business or investment or through the operation of the business or investment.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> No. Go to line 16c.		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Go to line 17.		
16c.	State the type of debts you owe that are not consumer debts or business debts		
<hr/>			
17. Are you filing under Chapter 7?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. I am not filing under Chapter 7. Go to line 18.		
Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses are paid that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. I am filing under Chapter 7. Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses are paid that funds will be available to distribute to unsecured creditors?		
	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
18. How many Creditors do you estimate that you owe?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-49 <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99 <input type="checkbox"/> 100-199 <input type="checkbox"/> 200-999	<input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 5001-10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001-25,000	<input type="checkbox"/> 25,001-50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001-100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 100,000
19. How much do you estimate your assets to be worth?	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion
20. How much do you estimate your liabilities to be?	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion

Part 7: Sign Below

For you	I have examined this petition, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct.		
	If I have chosen to file under Chapter 7, I am aware that I may proceed, if eligible, under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code. I understand the relief available under each chapter, and I choose to proceed under Chapter 7.		
	If no attorney represents me and I did not pay or agree to pay someone who is not an attorney to help me fill out this document, I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).		
	I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.		
	I understand making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.		
<u>/s/ Joseph S. Choat</u> <u>Joseph S. Choat</u> Signature of Debtor 1		Signature of Debtor 2	
Executed on	<u>August 4, 2017</u> MM / DD / YYYY	Executed on	MM / DD / YYYY

Debtor 1 Joseph S. Choat**For your attorney, if you are represented by one**

I, the attorney for the debtor(s) named in this petition, declare that I have informed the debtor(s) about eligibility to proceed under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each chapter for which the person is eligible. I also certify that I have delivered to the debtor(s) the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) and, in a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, certify that I have no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules filed with the petition is incorrect.

If you are not represented by an attorney, you do not need to file this page./s/ John A. Reed
Signature of Attorney for Debtor

Date

August 4, 2017

MM / DD / YYYY

John A. Reed

Printed name

John A. Reed Ltd.

Firm name

**63 W. Jefferson Street # 200
Joliet, IL 60432**

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Contact phone _____

Email address _____

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Bar number & State

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1	Joseph S. Choat		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2 (Spouse if, filing)	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS		
Case number (if known)			

Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 106Sum

Summary of Your Assets and Liabilities and Certain Statistical Information

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. Fill out all of your schedules first; then complete the information on this form. If you are filing amended schedules after you file your original forms, you must fill out a new *Summary* and check the box at the top of this page.

Part 1: Summarize Your Assets

		Your assets Value of what you own
1.	Schedule A/B: Property (Official Form 106A/B)	\$ 160,000.00
1a.	Copy line 55, Total real estate, from Schedule A/B.....	\$ 160,000.00
1b.	Copy line 62, Total personal property, from Schedule A/B.....	\$ 22,100.00
1c.	Copy line 63, Total of all property on Schedule A/B.....	\$ 182,100.00

Part 2: Summarize Your Liabilities

		Your liabilities Amount you owe
2.	Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property (Official Form 106D)	\$ 262,863.00
2a.	Copy the total you listed in Column A, <i>Amount of claim</i> , at the bottom of the last page of Part 1 of <i>Schedule D</i> ...	\$ 262,863.00
3.	Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims (Official Form 106E/F)	\$ 9,798.21
3a.	Copy the total claims from Part 1 (priority unsecured claims) from line 6e of <i>Schedule E/F</i>	\$ 9,798.21
3b.	Copy the total claims from Part 2 (nonpriority unsecured claims) from line 6j of <i>Schedule E/F</i>	\$ 1,569.00
		Your total liabilities \$ 274,230.21

Part 3: Summarize Your Income and Expenses

4.	Schedule I: Your Income (Official Form 106I)	\$ 4,000.00
	Copy your combined monthly income from line 12 of <i>Schedule I</i>	\$ 4,000.00

Part 4: Answer These Questions for Administrative and Statistical Records

6. Are you filing for bankruptcy under Chapters 7, 11, or 13?

No. You have nothing to report on this part of the form. Check this box and submit this form to the court with your other schedules.

Yes

7. What kind of debt do you have?

Your debts are primarily consumer debts. *Consumer debts* are those "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose." 11 U.S.C. § 101(8). Fill out lines 8-9g for statistical purposes. 28 U.S.C. § 159.

Your debts are not primarily consumer debts. You have nothing to report on this part of the form. Check this box and submit this form to the court with your other schedules.

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8. **From the Statement of Your Current Monthly Income:** Copy your total current monthly income from Official Form 122A-1 Line 11; OR, Form 122B Line 11; OR, Form 122C-1 Line 14.

\$ 5,587.12

9. **Copy the following special categories of claims from Part 4, line 6 of Schedule E/F:**

	Total claim
From Part 4 on Schedule E/F, copy the following:	
9a. Domestic support obligations (Copy line 6a.)	\$ <u>0.00</u>
9b. Taxes and certain other debts you owe the government. (Copy line 6b.)	\$ <u>9,798.21</u>
9c. Claims for death or personal injury while you were intoxicated. (Copy line 6c.)	\$ <u>0.00</u>
9d. Student loans. (Copy line 6f.)	\$ <u>0.00</u>
9e. Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims. (Copy line 6g.)	\$ <u>0.00</u>
9f. Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts. (Copy line 6h.)	+\$ <u>0.00</u>
9g. Total. Add lines 9a through 9f.	\$ <u>9,798.21</u>

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3. Cars, vans, trucks, tractors, sport utility vehicles, motorcycles

 No Yes3.1 Make: **Land Rover**Model: **Discovery SUV**Year: **1998**Approximate mileage: **112,000**

Other information:

Who has an interest in the property? Check one

 Debtor 1 only Debtor 2 only Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only At least one of the debtors and another Check if this is community property
(see instructions)Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions. Put
the amount of any secured claims on *Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property*.Current value of the
entire property?Current value of the
portion you own?**\$2,250.00****\$2,250.00**

4. Watercraft, aircraft, motor homes, ATVs and other recreational vehicles, other vehicles, and accessories

Examples: Boats, trailers, motors, personal watercraft, fishing vessels, snowmobiles, motorcycle accessories

 No Yes5 Add the dollar value of the portion you own for all of your entries from Part 2, including any entries for
pages you have attached for Part 2. Write that number here.....=>**\$2,250.00**

Part 3: Describe Your Personal and Household Items

Do you own or have any legal or equitable interest in any of the following items?

Current value of the
portion you own?
Do not deduct secured
claims or exemptions.

6. Household goods and furnishings

Examples: Major appliances, furniture, linens, china, kitchenware

 No Yes. Describe.....**Bedroom set, dining set, livingroom furniture, appliances, misc
furnishings****\$1,000.00**

7. Electronics

Examples: Televisions and radios; audio, video, stereo, and digital equipment; computers, printers, scanners; music collections; electronic devices including cell phones, cameras, media players, games

 No Yes. Describe.....**Cell Phone, television set, computer, printer****\$450.00**

8. Collectibles of value

Examples: Antiques and figurines; paintings, prints, or other artwork; books, pictures, or other art objects; stamp, coin, or baseball card collections; other collections, memorabilia, collectibles

 No Yes. Describe.....

9. Equipment for sports and hobbies

Examples: Sports, photographic, exercise, and other hobby equipment; bicycles, pool tables, golf clubs, skis; canoes and kayaks; carpentry tools; musical instruments

 No Yes. Describe.....

10. Firearms

Examples: Pistols, rifles, shotguns, ammunition, and related equipment

 No

Official Form 106A/B

Schedule A/B: Property

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Debtor 1 Joseph S. Choat Yes. Describe.....**11. Clothes***Examples:* Everyday clothes, furs, leather coats, designer wear, shoes, accessories No Yes. Describe.....**everyday clothing****\$300.00****12. Jewelry***Examples:* Everyday jewelry, costume jewelry, engagement rings, wedding rings, heirloom jewelry, watches, gems, gold, silver No Yes. Describe.....**13. Non-farm animals***Examples:* Dogs, cats, birds, horses No Yes. Describe.....**2 cats****\$50.00****14. Any other personal and household items you did not already list, including any health aids you did not list** No Yes. Give specific information.....**15. Add the dollar value of all of your entries from Part 3, including any entries for pages you have attached for Part 3. Write that number here****\$1,800.00****Part 4: Describe Your Financial Assets****Do you own or have any legal or equitable interest in any of the following?****Current value of the portion you own?**
Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions.**16. Cash***Examples:* Money you have in your wallet, in your home, in a safe deposit box, and on hand when you file your petition No Yes.....**Cash****\$15,000.00****17. Deposits of money***Examples:* Checking, savings, or other financial accounts; certificates of deposit; shares in credit unions, brokerage houses, and other similar institutions. If you have multiple accounts with the same institution, list each. No Yes.....

Institution name:

Bank account with Woodforest National Bank**17.1. Checking****# 8525****\$2,700.00****18. Bonds, mutual funds, or publicly traded stocks***Examples:* Bond funds, investment accounts with brokerage firms, money market accounts No Yes.....

Institution or issuer name:

19. Non-publicly traded stock and interests in incorporated and unincorporated businesses, including an interest in an LLC, partnership, and joint venture No Yes. Give specific information about them.....

Debtor 1

Joseph S. Choat

Name of entity:

% of ownership:

20. Government and corporate bonds and other negotiable and non-negotiable instruments*Negotiable instruments* include personal checks, cashiers' checks, promissory notes, and money orders.*Non-negotiable instruments* are those you cannot transfer to someone by signing or delivering them. No Yes. Give specific information about them

Issuer name:

21. Retirement or pension accounts*Examples:* Interests in IRA, ERISA, Keogh, 401(k), 403(b), thrift savings accounts, or other pension or profit-sharing plans No Yes. List each account separately.

Type of account:

Institution name:

22. Security deposits and prepayments

Your share of all unused deposits you have made so that you may continue service or use from a company

Examples: Agreements with landlords, prepaid rent, public utilities (electric, gas, water), telecommunications companies, or others No Yes.

Institution name or individual:

23. Annuities (A contract for a periodic payment of money to you, either for life or for a number of years) No Yes..... Issuer name and description.**24. Interests in an education IRA, in an account in a qualified ABLE program, or under a qualified state tuition program.**

26 U.S.C. §§ 530(b)(1), 529A(b), and 529(b)(1).

 No Yes.....

Institution name and description. Separately file the records of any interests.11 U.S.C. § 521(c):

25. Trusts, equitable or future interests in property (other than anything listed in line 1), and rights or powers exercisable for your benefit No Yes. Give specific information about them...**26. Patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, and other intellectual property***Examples:* Internet domain names, websites, proceeds from royalties and licensing agreements No Yes. Give specific information about them...**27. Licenses, franchises, and other general intangibles***Examples:* Building permits, exclusive licenses, cooperative association holdings, liquor licenses, professional licenses No Yes. Give specific information about them...**Money or property owed to you?****Current value of the portion you own?**

Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions.

28. Tax refunds owed to you No Yes. Give specific information about them, including whether you already filed the returns and the tax years.....**29. Family support***Examples:* Past due or lump sum alimony, spousal support, child support, maintenance, divorce settlement, property settlement No Yes. Give specific information.....**30. Other amounts someone owes you***Examples:* Unpaid wages, disability insurance payments, disability benefits, sick pay, vacation pay, workers' compensation, Social Security benefits; unpaid loans you made to someone else No Yes. Give specific information..

31. Interests in insurance policies*Examples:* Health, disability, or life insurance; health savings account (HSA); credit, homeowner's, or renter's insurance No Yes. Name the insurance company of each policy and list its value.

Company name:

Beneficiary:

Surrender or refund
value:**32. Any interest in property that is due you from someone who has died**

If you are the beneficiary of a living trust, expect proceeds from a life insurance policy, or are currently entitled to receive property because someone has died.

 No Yes. Give specific information..**33. Claims against third parties, whether or not you have filed a lawsuit or made a demand for payment***Examples:* Accidents, employment disputes, insurance claims, or rights to sue No Yes. Describe each claim.....**34. Other contingent and unliquidated claims of every nature, including counterclaims of the debtor and rights to set off claims** No Yes. Describe each claim.....**35. Any financial assets you did not already list** No Yes. Give specific information..**36. Add the dollar value of all of your entries from Part 4, including any entries for pages you have attached for Part 4. Write that number here.....****\$17,700.00****Part 5: Describe Any Business-Related Property You Own or Have an Interest In. List any real estate in Part 1.****37. Do you own or have any legal or equitable interest in any business-related property?** No. Go to Part 6. Yes. Go to line 38.Current value of the
portion you own?
Do not deduct secured
claims or exemptions.**38. Accounts receivable or commissions you already earned** No Yes. Describe.....**39. Office equipment, furnishings, and supplies***Examples:* Business-related computers, software, modems, printers, copiers, fax machines, rugs, telephones, desks, chairs, electronic devices No Yes. Describe.....**Desk, computer, book case****\$350.00****40. Machinery, fixtures, equipment, supplies you use in business, and tools of your trade** No Yes. Describe.....**41. Inventory** No Yes. Describe.....

42. Interests in partnerships or joint ventures

 No Yes. Give specific information about them.....

Name of entity:

% of ownership:

43. Customer lists, mailing lists, or other compilations

 No. Do your lists include personally identifiable information (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(41A))? No Yes. Describe.....

44. Any business-related property you did not already list

 No Yes. Give specific information.....

45. Add the dollar value of all of your entries from Part 5, including any entries for pages you have attached for Part 5. Write that number here.....

\$350.00

Part 6: Describe Any Farm- and Commercial Fishing-Related Property You Own or Have an Interest In.
If you own or have an interest in farmland, list it in Part 1.

46. Do you own or have any legal or equitable interest in any farm- or commercial fishing-related property?

 No. Go to Part 7. Yes. Go to line 47.**Part 7: Describe All Property You Own or Have an Interest in That You Did Not List Above**

53. Do you have other property of any kind you did not already list?

Examples: Season tickets, country club membership

 No Yes. Give specific information.....

54. Add the dollar value of all of your entries from Part 7. Write that number here

\$0.00

Part 8: List the Totals of Each Part of this Form

55. Part 1: Total real estate, line 2		\$160,000.00
56. Part 2: Total vehicles, line 5	\$2,250.00	
57. Part 3: Total personal and household items, line 15	\$1,800.00	
58. Part 4: Total financial assets, line 36	\$17,700.00	
59. Part 5: Total business-related property, line 45	\$350.00	
60. Part 6: Total farm- and fishing-related property, line 52	\$0.00	
61. Part 7: Total other property not listed, line 54	\$0.00	
62. Total personal property. Add lines 56 through 61...	<u>\$22,100.00</u>	Copy personal property total
63. Total of all property on Schedule A/B. Add line 55 + line 62		<u>\$182,100.00</u>

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1	Joseph S. Choat		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2 (Spouse if, filing)	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:		NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS	
Case number (if known)			

Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 106C**Schedule C: The Property You Claim as Exempt**

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. Using the property you listed on *Schedule A/B: Property* (Official Form 106A/B) as your source, list the property that you claim as exempt. If more space is needed, fill out and attach to this page as many copies of *Part 2: Additional Page* as necessary. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

For each item of property you claim as exempt, you must specify the amount of the exemption you claim. One way of doing so is to state a specific dollar amount as exempt. Alternatively, you may claim the full fair market value of the property being exempted up to the amount of any applicable statutory limit. Some exemptions—such as those for health aids, rights to receive certain benefits, and tax-exempt retirement funds—may be unlimited in dollar amount. However, if you claim an exemption of 100% of fair market value under a law that limits the exemption to a particular dollar amount and the value of the property is determined to exceed that amount, your exemption would be limited to the applicable statutory amount.

Part 1: Identify the Property You Claim as Exempt**1. Which set of exemptions are you claiming? Check one only, even if your spouse is filing with you.**

You are claiming state and federal nonbankruptcy exemptions. 11 U.S.C. § 522(b)(3)
 You are claiming federal exemptions. 11 U.S.C. § 522(b)(2)

2. For any property you list on *Schedule A/B* that you claim as exempt, fill in the information below.

Brief description of the property and line on <i>Schedule A/B</i> that lists this property	Current value of the portion you own	Amount of the exemption you claim	Specific laws that allow exemption
	Copy the value from <i>Schedule A/B</i>	<i>Check only one box for each exemption.</i>	
531 Cayuga Street Joliet, IL 60432 Will County Line from <i>Schedule A/B: 1.1</i>	\$160,000.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$15,000.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-901
1998 Land Rover Discovery SUV 112,000 miles Line from <i>Schedule A/B: 3.1</i>	\$2,250.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$2,400.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(c)
Bedroom set, dining set, livingroom furniture, appliances, misc furnishings Line from <i>Schedule A/B: 6.1</i>	\$1,000.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$1,000.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b)
Cell Phone, television set, computer, printer Line from <i>Schedule A/B: 7.1</i>	\$450.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$450.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b)
everyday clothing Line from <i>Schedule A/B: 11.1</i>	\$300.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$300.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(a)

Debtor 1 **Joseph S. Choat**

Brief description of the property and line on <i>Schedule A/B</i> that lists this property	Current value of the portion you own	Amount of the exemption you claim	Specific laws that allow exemption
	Copy the value from <i>Schedule A/B</i>	<i>Check only one box for each exemption.</i>	
Cash Line from <i>Schedule A/B</i> : 16.1	\$15,000.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$2,200.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b)
Desk, computer, book case Line from <i>Schedule A/B</i> : 39.1	\$350.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$350.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b)

3. Are you claiming a homestead exemption of more than \$160,375?

(Subject to adjustment on 4/01/19 and every 3 years after that for cases filed on or after the date of adjustment.)

 No Yes. Did you acquire the property covered by the exemption within 1,215 days before you filed this case? No Yes

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1	Joseph S. Choat		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2 (Spouse if, filing)	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:		NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS	
Case number (if known)			

Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 106D

Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, copy the Additional Page, fill it out, number the entries, and attach it to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

1. Do any creditors have claims secured by your property?

No. Check this box and submit this form to the court with your other schedules. You have nothing else to report on this form.

Yes. Fill in all of the information below.

Part 1: List All Secured Claims

2. List all secured claims. If a creditor has more than one secured claim, list the creditor separately for each claim. If more than one creditor has a particular claim, list the other creditors in Part 2. As much as possible, list the claims in alphabetical order according to the creditor's name.

		Column A Amount of claim Do not deduct the value of collateral.	Column B Value of collateral that supports this claim	Column C Unsecured portion If any
2.1	Rushmore Loan Mgmt Service Creditor's Name	\$262,863.00	\$160,000.00	\$102,863.00
	15480 Laguna Canyon Rd S Irvine, CA 92618 Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code	Describe the property that secures the claim: 531 Cayuga Street Joliet, IL 60432 Will County - Lawsuit 16 SC 1100 - Includes arrears of approx \$33,000.00		

As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply.

Contingent
 Unliquidated
 Disputed

Nature of lien. Check all that apply.

An agreement you made (such as mortgage or secured car loan)
 Statutory lien (such as tax lien, mechanic's lien)
 Judgment lien from a lawsuit
 Other (including a right to offset) **Mortgage**

Opened
Date debt was incurred **07/05**

Last 4 digits of account number **5498**

Add the dollar value of your entries in Column A on this page. Write that number here:

\$262,863.00

If this is the last page of your form, add the dollar value totals from all pages.

\$262,863.00

Write that number here:

Part 2: List Others to Be Notified for a Debt That You Already Listed

Use this page only if you have others to be notified about your bankruptcy for a debt that you already listed in Part 1. For example, if a collection agency is trying to collect from you for a debt you owe to someone else, list the creditor in Part 1, and then list the collection agency here. Similarly, if you have more than one creditor for any of the debts that you listed in Part 1, list the additional creditors here. If you do not have additional persons to be notified for any debts in Part 1, do not fill out or submit this page.

Name, Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code
Law Office of Ira Nevel
175 N Franklin # 201
Chicago, IL 60606

On which line in Part 1 did you enter the creditor? **2.1**

Last 4 digits of account number

Debtor 1 **Joseph S. Choat**

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Case number (if known) _____



Name, Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code

US Bank Home Mortgage
4801 Frederica Street
Owensboro, KY 42301

On which line in Part 1 did you enter the creditor? 2.1

Last 4 digits of account number _____

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1	Joseph S. Choat		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2 (Spouse if, filing)	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS		
Case number (if known)			

Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 106E/F

Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. Use Part 1 for creditors with PRIORITY claims and Part 2 for creditors with NONPRIORITY claims. List the other party to any executory contracts or unexpired leases that could result in a claim. Also list executory contracts on Schedule A/B: Property (Official Form 106A/B) and on Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases (Official Form 106G). Do not include any creditors with partially secured claims that are listed in Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property. If more space is needed, copy the Part you need, fill it out, number the entries in the boxes on the left. Attach the Continuation Page to this page. If you have no information to report in a Part, do not file that Part. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

Part 1: List All of Your PRIORITY Unsecured Claims

1. Do any creditors have priority unsecured claims against you?

No. Go to Part 2.
 Yes.

2. List all of your priority unsecured claims. If a creditor has more than one priority unsecured claim, list the creditor separately for each claim. For each claim listed, identify what type of claim it is. If a claim has both priority and nonpriority amounts, list that claim here and show both priority and nonpriority amounts. As much as possible, list the claims in alphabetical order according to the creditor's name. If you have more than two priority unsecured claims, fill out the Continuation Page of Part 1. If more than one creditor holds a particular claim, list the other creditors in Part 3.

(For an explanation of each type of claim, see the instructions for this form in the instruction booklet.)

	Total claim	Priority amount	Nonpriority amount	
2.1	Last 4 digits of account number	\$2,145.81	\$2,145.81	\$0.00
Illinois Department of Revenue Priority Creditor's Name	When was the debt incurred?			
Bankruptcy Section P.O. Box 64338 Chicago, IL 60664				
Number Street City State Zip Code				
Who incurred the debt? Check one.	As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only	<input type="checkbox"/> Contingent			
<input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only	<input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated			
<input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only	<input type="checkbox"/> Disputed			
<input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another	Type of PRIORITY unsecured claim:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim is for a community debt	<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic support obligations			
Is the claim subject to offset?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taxes and certain other debts you owe the government			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Claims for death or personal injury while you were intoxicated			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify			
	State Income Tax			

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Case number (if known)

4.2	Cda/Pontiac Nonpriority Creditor's Name Attn:Bankruptcy Po Box 213 Streator, IL 61364 Number Street City State Zip Code	Last 4 digits of account number 5711 When was the debt incurred? Opened 06/12	\$275.00
As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply			
Who incurred the debt? Check one. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another <input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim is for a community debt Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured claim: <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed <input type="checkbox"/> Student loans <input type="checkbox"/> Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims <input type="checkbox"/> Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify Medical Bill re: Alan Chen Surgical Assoc			
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4.3	Chase Mtg Nonpriority Creditor's Name P.o. Box 24696 Columbus, OH 43224 Number Street City State Zip Code	Last 4 digits of account number 3011 When was the debt incurred? Opened 6/30/04	\$1.00
As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply			
Who incurred the debt? Check one. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another <input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim is for a community debt Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured claim: <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disputed <input type="checkbox"/> Student loans <input type="checkbox"/> Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims <input type="checkbox"/> Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify Possible monies owed on former real estate owned			
<hr/>			
4.4	Portfolio Recovery Nonpriority Creditor's Name Po Box 41067 Norfolk, VA 23541 Number Street City State Zip Code	Last 4 digits of account number 4590 When was the debt incurred? Opened 05/15	\$673.00
As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply			
Who incurred the debt? Check one. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another <input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim is for a community debt Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured claim: <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed <input type="checkbox"/> Student loans <input type="checkbox"/> Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims <input type="checkbox"/> Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify Credit Card - Originally Capital One Bank Usa N.A.			

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Case number (if known)

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Portfolio Recovery

Nonpriority Creditor's Name

Po Box 41067**Norfolk, VA 23541**

Number Street City State Zip Code

Who incurred the debt? Check one.

Debtor 1 only
 Debtor 2 only
 Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only
 At least one of the debtors and another
 Check if this claim is for a community debt

Is the claim subject to offset?

No
 Yes

Last 4 digits of account number

4684**\$495.00**

When was the debt incurred?

Opened 05/15

As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply

 Contingent Unliquidated Disputed**Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured claim:**

Student loans
 Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims
 Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts

**Credit Card - Originally HSBC Bank
Nevada N.A.****Part 3: List Others to Be Notified About a Debt That You Already Listed**

5. Use this page only if you have others to be notified about your bankruptcy, for a debt that you already listed in Parts 1 or 2. For example, if a collection agency is trying to collect from you for a debt you owe to someone else, list the original creditor in Parts 1 or 2, then list the collection agency here. Similarly, if you have more than one creditor for any of the debts that you listed in Parts 1 or 2, list the additional creditors here. If you do not have additional persons to be notified for any debts in Parts 1 or 2, do not fill out or submit this page.

Part 4: Add the Amounts for Each Type of Unsecured Claim

6. Total the amounts of certain types of unsecured claims. This information is for statistical reporting purposes only. 28 U.S.C. §159. Add the amounts for each type of unsecured claim.

Total claims from Part 1	6a. Domestic support obligations	Total Claim	
		6a.	\$ 0.00
	6b. Taxes and certain other debts you owe the government	6b.	\$ 9,798.21
	6c. Claims for death or personal injury while you were intoxicated	6c.	\$ 0.00
	6d. Other. Add all other priority unsecured claims. Write that amount here.	6d.	\$ 0.00
	6e. Total Priority. Add lines 6a through 6d.	6e.	\$ 9,798.21
Total claims from Part 2	6f. Student loans	Total Claim	
		6f.	\$ 0.00
	6g. Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims	6g.	\$ 0.00
	6h. Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts	6h.	\$ 0.00
	6i. Other. Add all other nonpriority unsecured claims. Write that amount here.	6i.	\$ 1,569.00
	6j. Total Nonpriority. Add lines 6f through 6i.	6j.	\$ 1,569.00

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1	Joseph S. Choat		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2 (Spouse if, filing)	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS		
Case number (if known)			

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Official Form 106G

Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, copy the additional page, fill it out, number the entries, and attach it to this page. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

1. Do you have any executory contracts or unexpired leases?

No. Check this box and file this form with the court with your other schedules. You have nothing else to report on this form.
 Yes. Fill in all of the information below even if the contacts of leases are listed on *Schedule A/B:Property* (Official Form 106 A/B).

2. List separately each person or company with whom you have the contract or lease. Then state what each contract or lease is for (for example, rent, vehicle lease, cell phone). See the instructions for this form in the instruction booklet for more examples of executory contracts and unexpired leases.

Person or company with whom you have the contract or lease Name, Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code			State what the contract or lease is for
2.1	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>		
	Name		
	Number	Street	
	City	State	ZIP Code
2.2	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>		
	Name		
	Number	Street	
	City	State	ZIP Code
2.3	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>		
	Name		
	Number	Street	
	City	State	ZIP Code
2.4	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>		
	Name		
	Number	Street	
	City	State	ZIP Code
2.5	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>		
	Name		
	Number	Street	
	City	State	ZIP Code

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1	Joseph S. Choat		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2			
(Spouse if, filing)	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS		
Case number (if known)			

Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 106H Schedule H: Your Codebtors

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Codebtors are people or entities who are also liable for any debts you may have. Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, copy the Additional Page, fill it out, and number the entries in the boxes on the left. Attach the Additional Page to this page. On the top of any Additional Pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

1. Do you have any codebtors? (If you are filing a joint case, do not list either spouse as a codebtor.)

No
 Yes

2. Within the last 8 years, have you lived in a community property state or territory? (Community property states and territories include Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Puerto Rico, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin.)

No. Go to line 3.
 Yes. Did your spouse, former spouse, or legal equivalent live with you at the time?

3. In Column 1, list all of your codebtors. Do not include your spouse as a codebtor if your spouse is filing with you. List the person shown in line 2 again as a codebtor only if that person is a guarantor or cosigner. Make sure you have listed the creditor on Schedule D (Official Form 106D), Schedule E/F (Official Form 106E/F), or Schedule G (Official Form 106G). Use Schedule D, Schedule E/F, or Schedule G to fill out Column 2.

Column 1: Your codebtor
Name, Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code

Column 2: The creditor to whom you owe the debt
Check all schedules that apply:

3.1 **Anna L. Brooks**
541 Meadow Lily
Joliet, IL 60435

Schedule D, line 2.1
 Schedule E/F, line _____
 Schedule G _____
Rushmore Loan Mgmt Service

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1	Joseph S. Choat
Debtor 2 (Spouse, if filing)	
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
Case number (if known)	

Check if this is:

An amended filing
 A supplement showing postpetition chapter 13 income as of the following date:

MM / DD / YYYY

Official Form 106I

Schedule I: Your Income

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together (Debtor 1 and Debtor 2), both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If you are married and not filing jointly, and your spouse is living with you, include information about your spouse. If you are separated and your spouse is not filing with you, do not include information about your spouse. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Part 1: Describe Employment

1. Fill in your employment information.

If you have more than one job, attach a separate page with information about additional employers.

Include part-time, seasonal, or self-employed work.

Occupation may include student or homemaker, if it applies.

Employment status

	Debtor 1	Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employed		<input type="checkbox"/> Employed
<input type="checkbox"/> Not employed		<input type="checkbox"/> Not employed
Occupation	Consultant	
Employer's name	self-employed	
Employer's address		

How long employed there? **19 years**

Part 2: Give Details About Monthly Income

Estimate monthly income as of the date you file this form. If you have nothing to report for any line, write \$0 in the space. Include your non-filing spouse unless you are separated.

If you or your non-filing spouse have more than one employer, combine the information for all employers for that person on the lines below. If you need more space, attach a separate sheet to this form.

For Debtor 1	For Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse
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2. List monthly gross wages, salary, and commissions (before all payroll deductions). If not paid monthly, calculate what the monthly wage would be.

3. Estimate and list monthly overtime pay.

4. Calculate gross Income. Add line 2 + line 3.

2. \$ 0.00	\$ N/A
3. +\$ 0.00	+\$ N/A
4. \$ 0.00	\$ N/A

Debtor 1 **Joseph S. Choat**

Case number (if known)

	For Debtor 1	For Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse
Copy line 4 here	4. \$ 0.00	N/A
5. List all payroll deductions:		
5a. Tax, Medicare, and Social Security deductions	5a. \$ 0.00	N/A
5b. Mandatory contributions for retirement plans	5b. \$ 0.00	N/A
5c. Voluntary contributions for retirement plans	5c. \$ 0.00	N/A
5d. Required repayments of retirement fund loans	5d. \$ 0.00	N/A
5e. Insurance	5e. \$ 0.00	N/A
5f. Domestic support obligations	5f. \$ 0.00	N/A
5g. Union dues	5g. \$ 0.00	N/A
5h. Other deductions. Specify: _____	5h.+ \$ 0.00 + \$ _____	N/A
6. Add the payroll deductions. Add lines 5a+5b+5c+5d+5e+5f+5g+5h.	6. \$ 0.00	N/A
7. Calculate total monthly take-home pay. Subtract line 6 from line 4.	7. \$ 0.00	N/A
8. List all other income regularly received:		
8a. Net income from rental property and from operating a business, profession, or farm Attach a statement for each property and business showing gross receipts, ordinary and necessary business expenses, and the total monthly net income.	8a. \$ 4,000.00	N/A
8b. Interest and dividends	8b. \$ 0.00	N/A
8c. Family support payments that you, a non-filing spouse, or a dependent regularly receive Include alimony, spousal support, child support, maintenance, divorce settlement, and property settlement.	8c. \$ 0.00	N/A
8d. Unemployment compensation	8d. \$ 0.00	N/A
8e. Social Security	8e. \$ 0.00	N/A
8f. Other government assistance that you regularly receive Include cash assistance and the value (if known) of any non-cash assistance that you receive, such as food stamps (benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or housing subsidies. Specify: _____	8f. \$ 0.00	N/A
8g. Pension or retirement income	8g. \$ 0.00	N/A
8h. Other monthly income. Specify: _____	8h.+ \$ 0.00 + \$ _____	N/A
9. Add all other income. Add lines 8a+8b+8c+8d+8e+8f+8g+8h.	9. \$ 4,000.00	N/A
10. Calculate monthly income. Add line 7 + line 9. Add the entries in line 10 for Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse.	10. \$ 4,000.00 + \$ N/A = \$ 4,000.00	
11. State all other regular contributions to the expenses that you list in Schedule J. Include contributions from an unmarried partner, members of your household, your dependents, your roommates, and other friends or relatives. Do not include any amounts already included in lines 2-10 or amounts that are not available to pay expenses listed in Schedule J. Specify: _____		11. +\$ 0.00
12. Add the amount in the last column of line 10 to the amount in line 11. The result is the combined monthly income. Write that amount on the <i>Summary of Schedules and Statistical Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data</i> , if it applies		12. \$ 4,000.00
13. Do you expect an increase or decrease within the year after you file this form?		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Explain: Debtor is self-employed and income is sporadic. Above income based on approximate average monthly income.		

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1	Joseph S. Choat
Debtor 2 (Spouse, if filing)	
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
Case number (If known)	

Check if this is:

An amended filing
 A supplement showing postpetition chapter 13 expenses as of the following date:

MM / DD / YYYY

Official Form 106J

Schedule J: Your Expenses

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach another sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Part 1: Describe Your Household

1. Is this a joint case?

No. Go to line 2.
 Yes. Does Debtor 2 live in a separate household?
 No
 Yes. Debtor 2 must file Official Form 106J-2, Expenses for Separate Household of Debtor 2.

2. Do you have dependents? No

Do not list Debtor 1 and Yes. Fill out this information for each dependent.....

Do not state the dependents names.

Dependent's relationship to Debtor 1 or Debtor 2	Dependent's age	Does dependent live with you?

3. Do your expenses include expenses of people other than yourself and your dependents? No Yes

Part 2: Estimate Your Ongoing Monthly Expenses

Estimate your expenses as of your bankruptcy filing date unless you are using this form as a supplement in a Chapter 13 case to report expenses as of a date after the bankruptcy is filed. If this is a supplemental Schedule J, check the box at the top of the form and fill in the applicable date.

Include expenses paid for with non-cash government assistance if you know the value of such assistance and have included it on Schedule I: Your Income (Official Form 106I.)

Your expenses

4. The rental or home ownership expenses for your residence. Include first mortgage payments and any rent for the ground or lot.

4. \$ 1,124.00

If not included in line 4:

4a. Real estate taxes
 4b. Property, homeowner's, or renter's insurance
 4c. Home maintenance, repair, and upkeep expenses
 4d. Homeowner's association or condominium dues
 5. Additional mortgage payments for your residence, such as home equity loans

4a. \$	<u>0.00</u>
4b. \$	<u>0.00</u>
4c. \$	<u>50.00</u>
4d. \$	<u>0.00</u>
5. \$	<u>0.00</u>

Debtor 1 <u>Joseph S. Choat</u>	Case number (if known)
6. Utilities:	
6a. Electricity, heat, natural gas	6a. \$ <u>150.00</u>
6b. Water, sewer, garbage collection	6b. \$ <u>40.00</u>
6c. Telephone, cell phone, Internet, satellite, and cable services	6c. \$ <u>200.00</u>
6d. Other. Specify: _____	6d. \$ <u>0.00</u>
7. Food and housekeeping supplies	
7. \$ <u>350.00</u>	
8. Childcare and children's education costs	
8. \$ <u>0.00</u>	
9. Clothing, laundry, and dry cleaning	
9. \$ <u>75.00</u>	
10. Personal care products and services	
10. \$ <u>50.00</u>	
11. Medical and dental expenses	
11. \$ <u>150.00</u>	
12. Transportation. Include gas, maintenance, bus or train fare. Do not include car payments.	
12. \$ <u>300.00</u>	
13. Entertainment, clubs, recreation, newspapers, magazines, and books	
13. \$ <u>100.00</u>	
14. Charitable contributions and religious donations	
14. \$ <u>20.00</u>	
15. Insurance. Do not include insurance deducted from your pay or included in lines 4 or 20.	
15a. Life insurance	15a. \$ <u>0.00</u>
15b. Health insurance	15b. \$ <u>119.00</u>
15c. Vehicle insurance	15c. \$ <u>62.00</u>
15d. Other insurance. Specify: _____	15d. \$ <u>0.00</u>
16. Taxes. Do not include taxes deducted from your pay or included in lines 4 or 20. Specify: Estimated Taxes	
16. \$ <u>500.00</u>	
17. Installment or lease payments:	
17a. Car payments for Vehicle 1	17a. \$ <u>0.00</u>
17b. Car payments for Vehicle 2	17b. \$ <u>0.00</u>
17c. Other. Specify: _____	17c. \$ <u>0.00</u>
17d. Other. Specify: _____	17d. \$ <u>0.00</u>
18. Your payments of alimony, maintenance, and support that you did not report as deducted from your pay on line 5, Schedule I, Your Income (Official Form 106I).	
18. \$ <u>0.00</u>	
19. Other payments you make to support others who do not live with you. Specify: _____	
19. \$ <u>0.00</u>	
20. Other real property expenses not included in lines 4 or 5 of this form or on Schedule I: Your Income.	
20a. Mortgages on other property	20a. \$ <u>0.00</u>
20b. Real estate taxes	20b. \$ <u>0.00</u>
20c. Property, homeowner's, or renter's insurance	20c. \$ <u>0.00</u>
20d. Maintenance, repair, and upkeep expenses	20d. \$ <u>0.00</u>
20e. Homeowner's association or condominium dues	20e. \$ <u>0.00</u>
21. Other: Specify: _____	21. +\$ <u>0.00</u>
22. Calculate your monthly expenses	
22a. Add lines 4 through 21.	\$ <u>3,290.00</u>
22b. Copy line 22 (monthly expenses for Debtor 2), if any, from Official Form 106J-2	\$ <u>3,290.00</u>
22c. Add line 22a and 22b. The result is your monthly expenses.	\$ <u>3,290.00</u>
23. Calculate your monthly net income.	
23a. Copy line 12 (your combined monthly income) from Schedule I.	23a. \$ <u>4,000.00</u>
23b. Copy your monthly expenses from line 22c above.	23b. -\$ <u>3,290.00</u>
23c. Subtract your monthly expenses from your monthly income. The result is your monthly net income.	23c. \$ <u>710.00</u>
24. Do you expect an increase or decrease in your expenses within the year after you file this form? For example, do you expect to finish paying for your car loan within the year or do you expect your mortgage payment to increase or decrease because of a modification to the terms of your mortgage?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes.	Explain here: _____

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1	Joseph S. Choat		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2 (Spouse if, filing)	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS		
Case number (if known)			

Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 106Dec

Declaration About an Individual Debtor's Schedules

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If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information.

You must file this form whenever you file bankruptcy schedules or amended schedules. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

 Sign Below

Did you pay or agree to pay someone who is NOT an attorney to help you fill out bankruptcy forms?

No

Yes. Name of person

Attach *Bankruptcy Petition Preparer's Notice, Declaration, and Signature* (Official Form 119)

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have read the summary and schedules filed with this declaration and that they are true and correct.

/s/ Joseph S. Choat

Joseph S. Choat

Signature of Debtor 1

Date August 4, 2017

X

Signature of Debtor 2

Date _____

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1	Joseph S. Choat		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2 (Spouse if, filing)	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS		
Case number (if known)			

Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 107

Statement of Financial Affairs for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Part 1: Give Details About Your Marital Status and Where You Lived Before

1. What is your current marital status?

Married
 Not married

2. During the last 3 years, have you lived anywhere other than where you live now?

No
 Yes. List all of the places you lived in the last 3 years. Do not include where you live now.

Debtor 1 Prior Address:

Dates Debtor 1
lived there

Debtor 2 Prior Address:

Dates Debtor 2
lived there

3. Within the last 8 years, did you ever live with a spouse or legal equivalent in a community property state or territory? (Community property states and territories include Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Puerto Rico, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin.)

No
 Yes. Make sure you fill out Schedule H: Your Codebtors (Official Form 106H).

Part 2 Explain the Sources of Your Income

4. Did you have any income from employment or from operating a business during this year or the two previous calendar years?

Fill in the total amount of income you received from all jobs and all businesses, including part-time activities. If you are filing a joint case and you have income that you receive together, list it only once under Debtor 1.

No
 Yes. Fill in the details.

Debtor 1	Sources of income Check all that apply.	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)	Debtor 2	Sources of income Check all that apply.	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)
From January 1 of current year until the date you filed for bankruptcy:	<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	\$59,175.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	

**For last calendar year:
(January 1 to December 31, 2016)**

Debtor 1	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)	Debtor 2	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)
Sources of income Check all that apply.		Sources of income Check all that apply.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips	\$44,800.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operating a business		<input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	
For the calendar year before that: (January 1 to December 31, 2015)		For the calendar year before that: (January 1 to December 31, 2015)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips	\$31,690.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operating a business		<input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	

5. Did you receive any other income during this year or the two previous calendar years?

Include income regardless of whether that income is taxable. Examples of *other income* are alimony; child support; Social Security, unemployment, and other public benefit payments; pensions; rental income; interest; dividends; money collected from lawsuits; royalties; and gambling and lottery winnings. If you are filing a joint case and you have income that you received together, list it only once under Debtor 1.

List each source and the gross income from each source separately. Do not include income that you listed in line 4.

No
 Yes. Fill in the details.

Debtor 1	Gross income from each source (before deductions and exclusions)	Debtor 2	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)
Sources of income Describe below.		Sources of income Describe below.	

Part 3: List Certain Payments You Made Before You Filed for Bankruptcy**6. Are either Debtor 1's or Debtor 2's debts primarily consumer debts?**

No. Neither Debtor 1 nor Debtor 2 has primarily consumer debts. *Consumer debts* are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose."

During the 90 days before you filed for bankruptcy, did you pay any creditor a total of \$6,425* or more?

No. Go to line 7.
 Yes. List below each creditor to whom you paid a total of \$6,425* or more in one or more payments and the total amount you paid that creditor. Do not include payments for domestic support obligations, such as child support and alimony. Also, do not include payments to an attorney for this bankruptcy case.

* Subject to adjustment on 4/01/19 and every 3 years after that for cases filed on or after the date of adjustment.

Yes. **Debtor 1 or Debtor 2 or both have primarily consumer debts.**

During the 90 days before you filed for bankruptcy, did you pay any creditor a total of \$600 or more?

No. Go to line 7.
 Yes. List below each creditor to whom you paid a total of \$600 or more and the total amount you paid that creditor. Do not include payments for domestic support obligations, such as child support and alimony. Also, do not include payments to an attorney for this bankruptcy case.

Creditor's Name and Address	Dates of payment	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Was this payment for ...
Springleaf Financial Services 2149 W Jefferson Street Joliet, IL 60435	07/12/2017	\$1,369.18	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Mortgage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> Loan Repayment <input type="checkbox"/> Suppliers or vendors <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Debtor 1 Joseph S. Choat7. **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you make a payment on a debt you owed anyone who was an insider?**

Insiders include your relatives; any general partners; relatives of any general partners; partnerships of which you are a general partner; corporations of which you are an officer, director, person in control, or owner of 20% or more of their voting securities; and any managing agent, including one for a business you operate as a sole proprietor. 11 U.S.C. § 101. Include payments for domestic support obligations, such as child support and alimony.

 No Yes. List all payments to an insider.

Insider's Name and Address	Dates of payment	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Reason for this payment
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8. **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you make any payments or transfer any property on account of a debt that benefited an insider?**

Include payments on debts guaranteed or cosigned by an insider.

 No Yes. List all payments to an insider.

Insider's Name and Address	Dates of payment	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Reason for this payment
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Part 4: Identify Legal Actions, Repossessions, and Foreclosures9. **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, were you a party in any lawsuit, court action, or administrative proceeding?**

List all such matters, including personal injury cases, small claims actions, divorces, collection suits, paternity actions, support or custody modifications, and contract disputes.

 No Yes. Fill in the details.

Case title Case number	Nature of the case	Court or agency	Status of the case
U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. v Joseph Choat et al 16 CH 1100	Foreclosure Proceedings	Will County Courthouse 14 W. Jefferson Street Joliet, IL 60432	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> On appeal <input type="checkbox"/> Concluded

10. **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, was any of your property repossessed, foreclosed, garnished, attached, seized, or levied?**
Check all that apply and fill in the details below. No. Go to line 11. Yes. Fill in the information below.

Creditor Name and Address	Describe the Property	Date	Value of the property
	Explain what happened		

11. **Within 90 days before you filed for bankruptcy, did any creditor, including a bank or financial institution, set off any amounts from your accounts or refuse to make a payment because you owed a debt?** No Yes. Fill in the details.

Creditor Name and Address	Describe the action the creditor took	Date action was taken	Amount
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12. **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, was any of your property in the possession of an assignee for the benefit of creditors, a court-appointed receiver, a custodian, or another official?** No Yes

Part 5: List Certain Gifts and Contributions

13. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give any gifts with a total value of more than \$600 per person?

No
 Yes. Fill in the details for each gift.

Gifts with a total value of more than \$600 per person

Describe the gifts

Dates you gave the gifts

Value

Person to Whom You Gave the Gift and Address:

14. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give any gifts or contributions with a total value of more than \$600 to any charity?

No
 Yes. Fill in the details for each gift or contribution.

Gifts or contributions to charities that total more than \$600
 Charity's Name
 Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)

Describe what you contributed

Dates you contributed

Value

Part 6: List Certain Losses

15. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy or since you filed for bankruptcy, did you lose anything because of theft, fire, other disaster, or gambling?

No
 Yes. Fill in the details.

Describe the property you lost and how the loss occurred

Describe any insurance coverage for the loss

Include the amount that insurance has paid. List pending insurance claims on line 33 of Schedule A/B: Property.

Date of your loss

Value of property lost

Part 7: List Certain Payments or Transfers

16. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you or anyone else acting on your behalf pay or transfer any property to anyone you consulted about seeking bankruptcy or preparing a bankruptcy petition?

Include any attorneys, bankruptcy petition preparers, or credit counseling agencies for services required in your bankruptcy.

No
 Yes. Fill in the details.

Person Who Was Paid
 Address
 Email or website address
 Person Who Made the Payment, if Not You
 John A Reed
 63 W Jefferson Street # 200
 Joliet, IL 60432

Description and value of any property transferred

Date payment or transfer was made

Amount of payment

\$ 1,650.00 + costs paid

July 2017

\$2,000.00

17. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you or anyone else acting on your behalf pay or transfer any property to anyone who promised to help you deal with your creditors or to make payments to your creditors?

Do not include any payment or transfer that you listed on line 16.

No
 Yes. Fill in the details.

Person Who Was Paid
 Address

Description and value of any property transferred

Date payment or transfer was made

Amount of payment

Jones & Associates
 One Alliance Center
 3500 Lenox Road # 500
 Atlanta, GA 30326

\$ 3,600.00 paid for help with foreclosure proceedings/loan modification process

March 2017

\$3,600.00

18. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you sell, trade, or otherwise transfer any property to anyone, other than property

Debtor 1 Joseph S. Choat**transferred in the ordinary course of your business or financial affairs?**

Include both outright transfers and transfers made as security (such as the granting of a security interest or mortgage on your property). Do not include gifts and transfers that you have already listed on this statement.

 No Yes. Fill in the details.

Person Who Received Transfer Address	Description and value of property transferred	Describe any property or payments received or debts paid in exchange	Date transfer was made
Person's relationship to you			

19. Within 10 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you transfer any property to a self-settled trust or similar device of which you are a beneficiary? (These are often called asset-protection devices.)

 No Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of trust	Description and value of the property transferred	Date Transfer was made

Part 8: List of Certain Financial Accounts, Instruments, Safe Deposit Boxes, and Storage Units

20. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, were any financial accounts or instruments held in your name, or for your benefit, closed, sold, moved, or transferred?

Include checking, savings, money market, or other financial accounts; certificates of deposit; shares in banks, credit unions, brokerage houses, pension funds, cooperatives, associations, and other financial institutions.

 No Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of Financial Institution and Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Last 4 digits of account number	Type of account or instrument	Date account was closed, sold, moved, or transferred	Last balance before closing or transfer
Bank of America	XXXX-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checking <input type="checkbox"/> Savings <input type="checkbox"/> Money Market <input type="checkbox"/> Brokerage <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	March, 2016 - closed by bank - account overdrawn	\$0.00

21. Do you now have, or did you have within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, any safe deposit box or other depository for securities, cash, or other valuables?

 No Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of Financial Institution Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Who else had access to it? Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Describe the contents	Do you still have it?

22. Have you stored property in a storage unit or place other than your home within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy?

 No Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of Storage Facility Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Who else has or had access to it? Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Describe the contents	Do you still have it?

Part 9: Identify Property You Hold or Control for Someone Else

23. Do you hold or control any property that someone else owns? Include any property you borrowed from, are storing for, or hold in trust for someone.

No

Yes. Fill in the details.

Owner's Name

Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)

Where is the property?

(Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)

Describe the property

Value

Part 10: Give Details About Environmental Information

For the purpose of Part 10, the following definitions apply:

- Environmental law** means any federal, state, or local statute or regulation concerning pollution, contamination, releases of hazardous or toxic substances, wastes, or material into the air, land, soil, surface water, groundwater, or other medium, including statutes or regulations controlling the cleanup of these substances, wastes, or material.
- Site** means any location, facility, or property as defined under any environmental law, whether you now own, operate, or utilize it or used to own, operate, or utilize it, including disposal sites.
- Hazardous material** means anything an environmental law defines as a hazardous waste, hazardous substance, toxic substance, hazardous material, pollutant, contaminant, or similar term.

Report all notices, releases, and proceedings that you know about, regardless of when they occurred.

24. Has any governmental unit notified you that you may be liable or potentially liable under or in violation of an environmental law?

No

Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of site

Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)

Governmental unit

Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)

Environmental law, if you know it

Date of notice

25. Have you notified any governmental unit of any release of hazardous material?

No

Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of site

Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)

Governmental unit

Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)

Environmental law, if you know it

Date of notice

26. Have you been a party in any judicial or administrative proceeding under any environmental law? Include settlements and orders.

No

Yes. Fill in the details.

Case Title

Case Number

Court or agency

Name

Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)

Nature of the case

Status of the case

Part 11: Give Details About Your Business or Connections to Any Business

27. Within 4 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you own a business or have any of the following connections to any business?

- A sole proprietor or self-employed in a trade, profession, or other activity, either full-time or part-time
- A member of a limited liability company (LLC) or limited liability partnership (LLP)
- A partner in a partnership
- An officer, director, or managing executive of a corporation
- An owner of at least 5% of the voting or equity securities of a corporation

No. None of the above applies. Go to Part 12. Yes. Check all that apply above and fill in the details below for each business.

Business Name Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Describe the nature of the business Name of accountant or bookkeeper	Employer Identification number Do not include Social Security number or ITIN.
Joseph Choat 531 Cayuga Joliet, IL 60432	Consultant & Transaction Engineer	Dates business existed EIN: 6806
		From-To 1998 - current

28. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give a financial statement to anyone about your business? Include all financial institutions, creditors, or other parties.

 No Yes. Fill in the details below.

Name Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Date Issued
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Part 12: Sign Below

I have read the answers on this *Statement of Financial Affairs* and any attachments, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the answers are true and correct. I understand that making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both.
18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

/s/ Joseph S. Choat

Joseph S. Choat
Signature of Debtor 1

Signature of Debtor 2

Date August 4, 2017

Date

Did you attach additional pages to *Your Statement of Financial Affairs for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy* (Official Form 107)?

No
 Yes

Did you pay or agree to pay someone who is not an attorney to help you fill out bankruptcy forms?

No
 Yes. Name of Person _____. Attach the *Bankruptcy Petition Preparer's Notice, Declaration, and Signature* (Official Form 119).

Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)

This notice is for you if:

You are an individual filing for bankruptcy,
and

Your debts are primarily consumer debts.
Consumer debts are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose."

The types of bankruptcy that are available to individuals

Individuals who meet the qualifications may file under one of four different chapters of Bankruptcy Code:

Chapter 7 - Liquidation

Chapter 11 - Reorganization

Chapter 12 - Voluntary repayment plan for family farmers or fishermen

Chapter 13 - Voluntary repayment plan for individuals with regular income

You should have an attorney review your decision to file for bankruptcy and the choice of chapter.

Chapter 7: Liquidation

\$245	filin	g fee
\$75	admi	nistrative fee
+ <u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	\$15	trustee surcharge
	\$335	total fee

Chapter 7 is for individuals who have financial difficulty preventing them from paying their debts and who are willing to allow their nonexempt property to be used to pay their creditors. The primary purpose of filing under chapter 7 is to have your debts discharged. The bankruptcy discharge relieves you after bankruptcy from having to pay many of your pre-bankruptcy debts. Exceptions exist for particular debts, and liens on property may still be enforced after discharge. For example, a creditor may have the right to foreclose a home mortgage or repossess an automobile.

However, if the court finds that you have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, the court may deny your discharge.

You should know that even if you file chapter 7 and you receive a discharge, some debts are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible to pay:

most taxes;

most student loans;

domestic support and property settlement obligations;

most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; and

certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers.

You may also be required to pay debts arising from:

fraud or theft;

fraud or defalcation while acting in breach of fiduciary capacity;

intentional injuries that you inflicted; and

death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs.

If your debts are primarily consumer debts, the court can dismiss your chapter 7 case if it finds that you have enough income to repay creditors a certain amount. You must file *Chapter 7 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income* (Official Form 122A-1) if you are an individual filing for bankruptcy under chapter 7. This form will determine your current monthly income and compare whether your income is more than the median income that applies in your state.

If your income is not above the median for your state, you will not have to complete the other chapter 7 form, the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A-2).

If your income is above the median for your state, you must file a second form —the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A-2). The calculations on the form— sometimes called the *Means Test*—deduct from your income living expenses and payments on certain debts to determine any amount available to pay unsecured creditors. If

your income is more than the median income for your state of residence and family size, depending on the results of the *Means Test*, the U.S. trustee, bankruptcy administrator, or creditors can file a motion to dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. If a motion is filed, the court will decide if your case should be dismissed. To avoid dismissal, you may choose to proceed under another chapter of the Bankruptcy Code.

If you are an individual filing for chapter 7 bankruptcy, the trustee may sell your property to pay your debts, subject to your right to exempt the property or a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the property. The property, and the proceeds from property that your bankruptcy trustee sells or liquidates that you are entitled to, is called *exempt property*. Exemptions may enable you to keep your home, a car, clothing, and household items or to receive some of the proceeds if the property is sold.

Exemptions are not automatic. To exempt property, you must list it on *Schedule C: The Property You Claim as Exempt* (Official Form 106C). If you do not list the property, the trustee may sell it and pay all of the proceeds to your creditors.

Chapter 11: Reorganization

\$1,167	filing fee
+ \$550	administrative fee
\$1,717 total fee	

Chapter 11 is often used for reorganizing a business, but is also available to individuals. The provisions of chapter 11 are too complicated to summarize briefly.

Read These Important Warnings

Because bankruptcy can have serious long-term financial and legal consequences, including loss of your property, you should hire an attorney and carefully consider all of your options before you file. Only an attorney can give you legal advice about what can happen as a result of filing for bankruptcy and what your options are. If you do file for bankruptcy, an attorney can help you fill out the forms properly and protect you, your family, your home, and your possessions.

Although the law allows you to represent yourself in bankruptcy court, you should understand that many people find it difficult to represent themselves successfully. The rules are technical, and a mistake or inaction may harm you. If you file without an attorney, you are still responsible for knowing and following all of the legal requirements.

You should not file for bankruptcy if you are not eligible to file or if you do not intend to file the necessary documents.

Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime; you could be fined and imprisoned if you commit fraud in your bankruptcy case. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

Chapter 12: Repayment plan for family farmers or fishermen

	\$200	filing fee
+	\$75	administrative fee
	\$275	total fee

Similar to chapter 13, chapter 12 permits family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time using future earnings and to discharge some debts that are not paid.

Chapter 13: Repayment plan for individuals with regular income

	\$235	filing fee
+	\$75	administrative fee
	\$310	total fee

Chapter 13 is for individuals who have regular income and would like to pay all or part of their debts in installments over a period of time and to discharge some debts that are not paid. You are eligible for chapter 13 only if your debts are not more than certain dollar amounts set forth in 11 U.S.C. § 109.

Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, usually using your future earnings. If the court approves your plan, the court will allow you to repay your debts, as adjusted by the plan, within 3 years or 5 years, depending on your income and other factors.

After you make all the payments under your plan, many of your debts are discharged. The debts that are not discharged and that you may still be responsible to pay include:

- domestic support obligations,
- most student loans,
- certain taxes,
- debts for fraud or theft,
- debts for fraud or defalcation while acting in a fiduciary capacity,
- most criminal fines and restitution obligations,
- certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers,
- certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury, and
- certain long-term secured debts.

Warning: File Your Forms on Time

Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information about your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. The court may dismiss your bankruptcy case if you do not file this information within the deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court.

For more information about the documents and their deadlines, go to:

http://www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/bankruptcy_form_s.html#procedure.

Bankruptcy crimes have serious consequences

If you knowingly and fraudulently conceal assets or make a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury—either orally or in writing—in connection with a bankruptcy case, you may be fined, imprisoned, or both.

All information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the U.S. Trustee, the Office of the U.S. Attorney, and other offices and employees of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Make sure the court has your mailing address

The bankruptcy court sends notices to the mailing address you list on *Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy* (Official Form 101). To ensure that you receive information about your case, Bankruptcy Rule 4002 requires that you notify the court of any changes in your address.

A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*. If you file a joint case and each spouse lists the same mailing address on the bankruptcy petition, the bankruptcy court generally will mail you and your spouse one copy of each notice, unless you file a statement with the court asking that each spouse receive separate copies.

Understand which services you could receive from credit counseling agencies

The law generally requires that you receive a credit counseling briefing from an approved credit counseling agency. 11 U.S.C. § 109(h). If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must receive the briefing. With limited exceptions, you must receive it within the 180 days **before** you file your bankruptcy petition. This briefing is usually conducted by telephone or on the Internet.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, you generally must complete a financial management instructional course before you can receive a discharge. If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must complete the course.

You can obtain the list of agencies approved to provide both the briefing and the instructional course from: http://justice.gov/ust/eo/hapcpa/ccde/cc_approved.html

In Alabama and North Carolina, go to:

<http://www.uscourts.gov/FederalCourts/Bankruptcy/BankruptcyResources/ApprovedCreditAndDebtCounselors.aspx>.

If you do not have access to a computer, the clerk of the bankruptcy court may be able to help you obtain the list.

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

**RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENT BETWEEN
CHAPTER 13 DEBTORS AND THEIR ATTORNEYS**

(Court-Approved Retention Agreement, Use for cases filed on or after September 19, 2016)

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The Bankruptcy Code may require a debtor's attorney to provide the debtor with certain documents and agreements at the start of the representation. The terms of this court-approved agreement take the place of any conflicting provision in an earlier agreement. This agreement cannot be modified in any way by other agreements. Any provision of another agreement between the debtor and the attorney that conflicts with this agreement is void.

A. BEFORE THE CASE IS FILED

THE DEBTOR AGREES TO:

1. Discuss with the attorney the debtor's objectives in filing the case.
2. Provide the attorney with full, accurate and timely information, financial and otherwise, including properly documented proof of income.

THE ATTORNEY AGREES TO:

1. Personally counsel the debtor regarding the advisability of filing either a Chapter 13 or a Chapter 7 case, discuss both procedures (as well as non-bankruptcy options) with the debtor, and answer the debtor's questions.
2. Personally explain to the debtor that the attorney is being engaged to represent the debtor on all matters arising in the case, as required by Local Bankruptcy Rule, and explain how and when the attorney's fees and the trustee's fees are determined and paid.

3. Personally review with the debtor and sign the completed petition, plan, statements, and schedules, as well as all amendments thereto, whether filed with the petition or later. (The schedules may be initially prepared with the help of clerical or paralegal staff of the attorney's office, but personal attention of the attorney is required for the review and signing.)
4. Timely prepare and file the debtor's petition, plan, statements, and schedules.
5. Explain to the debtor how, when, and where to make all necessary payments, including both payments that must be made directly to creditors and payments that must be made to the Chapter 13 trustee, with particular attention to housing and vehicle payments.
6. Advise the debtor of the need to maintain appropriate insurance.

B. AFTER THE CASE IS FILED

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1. Make the required payments to the trustee and to whatever creditors are being paid directly or, if required payments cannot be made, to notify the attorney immediately.
2. Appear punctually at the meeting of creditors (also called the "341 meeting") with recent proof of income and a picture identification card. (If the identification card does not include the debtor's social security number, the debtor must also bring to the meeting a social security card.) The debtor must be present in time for check-in and, when the case is called, for the actual examination.
3. Notify the attorney of any change in the debtor's address or telephone number.
4. Inform the attorney of any wage garnishments or liens or levies on assets that occur or continue after the filing of the case.
5. Contact the attorney immediately if the debtor loses employment, has a significant change in income, or experiences any other significant change in financial situation (such as serious illness, marriage, divorce or separation, lottery winnings, or an inheritance).
6. Notify the attorney if the debtor is sued or wishes to file a lawsuit (including divorce).
7. Inform the attorney if any tax refunds to which the debtor is entitled are seized or not received when due from the IRS or Illinois Department of Revenue.
8. Contact the attorney before buying, refinancing, or selling real property and before entering into any loan agreement.
9. Supply the attorney with copies of all tax returns filed while the case is pending.

THE ATTORNEY AGREES TO:

1. Advise the debtor of the requirement to attend the meeting of creditors and notify the debtor of the date, time, and place of the meeting.
2. Inform the debtor that the debtor must be punctual and, in the case of a joint filing, that both spouses must appear at the same meeting.
3. Provide knowledgeable legal representation for the debtor at the meeting of creditors (in time for check-in and the actual examination) and, unless excused by the trustee, for the confirmation hearing.
4. If the attorney will be employing another attorney to attend the 341 meeting or any court hearing, personally explain to the debtor, in advance, the role and identity of the other attorney and provide the other attorney with the file in sufficient time to review it and properly represent the debtor.
5. Timely submit to the Chapter 13 trustee properly documented proof of income for the debtor, including business reports for self-employed debtors.
6. Timely respond to objections to plan confirmation and, where necessary, prepare, file, and serve an amended plan.
7. Timely prepare, file, and serve any necessary statements, amended statements, and schedules and any change of address, in accordance with information provided by the debtor.
8. Monitor all incoming case information (including, but not limited to, Order Confirming Plan, Notice of Intent to Pay Claims, and 6-month status reports) for accuracy and completeness. Contact the trustee promptly regarding any discrepancies.
9. Be available to respond to the debtor's questions throughout the term of the plan.
10. Prepare, file, and serve timely modifications to the plan after confirmation, when necessary, including modifications to suspend, lower, or increase plan payments.
11. Prepare, file, and serve necessary motions to buy or sell property and to incur debt.
12. Object to improper or invalid claims.
13. Timely respond to the Chapter 13 trustee's motions to dismiss the case, such as for payment default or unfeasibility, and to motions to increase the percentage payment to unsecured creditors.
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15. Prepare, file, and serve all appropriate motions to avoid liens.
16. Prepare, file, and serve a notice of conversion to Chapter 7, pursuant to § 1307(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Local Bankruptcy Rule 1017-1.
17. Provide any other legal services necessary for the administration of the case.

C. TERMINATION OR CONVERSION OF THE CASE AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER APPROVING FEES AND EXPENSES

1. Approved fees and expenses paid under the provisions set out below are generally not refundable in the event that the case is dismissed prior to its completion, unless the dismissal is due to a failure by the attorney to comply with the duties set out in this agreement. If such a dismissal is due to a failure by the attorney, the court may order a refund of fees on motion by the debtor.
2. If the case is dismissed after approval of the fees and expenses but before payment of all allowed fees and expenses, the order entered by the Bankruptcy Court allowing the fees and expenses is not a judgment against the debtor for the unpaid fees and expenses based on contract law or otherwise.
3. If the case is converted to a case under Chapter 7 after approval of the fees and expenses under this agreement but before the payment of all fees and expenses, the attorney will be entitled to an administrative claim in the Chapter 7 case for any unpaid fees and expenses, pursuant to § 726(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, plus any conversion fee the attorney pays on behalf of the debtor.

D. RETAINERS AND PREVIOUS PAYMENTS

1. The attorney may receive a retainer or other payment before filing the case but may not receive fees directly from the debtor after the filing of the case. Unless the following provision is checked and completed, any retainer received by the attorney will be treated as a security retainer, to be placed in the attorney's client trust account until approval of a fee application by the court.

The attorney seeks to have the retainer received by the attorney treated as an advance payment retainer, which allows the attorney to take the retainer into income immediately. The attorney hereby provides the following further information and representations:

- (a) The special purpose for the advance payment retainer and why it is advantageous to the debtor is as follows:

- (b) The retainer will not be held in a client trust account and will become property of the attorney upon payment and will be deposited into the attorney's general account;
- (c) The retainer is a flat fee for the services to be rendered during the Chapter 13 case and will be applied for such services without the need for the attorney to keep detailed hourly time records for the specific services performed for the debtor;

- (d) Any portion of the retainer that is not earned or required for expenses will be refunded to the client; and
- (e) The attorney is unwilling to represent the debtor without receiving an advanced payment retainer because of the nature of the Chapter 13 case, the fact that the great majority of services for such case are performed prior to its filing, and the risks associated with the representation of debtors in bankruptcy cases in general.

2. In any application for compensation, the attorney must disclose to the court any fees or other compensation paid by the debtor to the attorney for any reason within the one year before the case filing, including the date(s) any such fees were paid.

E. CONDUCT AND DISCHARGE

1. *Improper conduct by the attorney.* If the debtor disputes the sufficiency or quality of the legal services provided or the amount of the fees charged by the attorney, the debtor may file an objection with the court and request a hearing.
2. *Improper conduct by the debtor.* If the attorney believes that the debtor is not complying with the debtor's responsibilities under this agreement or is otherwise engaging in improper conduct, the attorney may apply for a court order allowing the attorney to withdraw from the case.
3. *Discharge of the attorney.* The debtor may discharge the attorney at any time.

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F. ALLOWANCE AND PAYMENT OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES

1. Any attorney retained to represent a debtor in a Chapter 13 case is responsible for representing the debtor on all matters arising in the case unless otherwise ordered by the court. For all of the services outlined above, the attorney will be paid a flat fee of \$4,000.00.
2. In addition, the debtor will pay the filing fee required in the case and other expenses of \$310.00.
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Date: August 4, 2017

Signed:

/s/ Joseph S. Choat

Joseph S. Choat

/s/ John A. Reed

John A. Reed

Attorney for the Debtor(s)

Debtor(s)

Do not sign this agreement if the amounts are blank.

Local Bankruptcy Form 23c

United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois

In re Joseph S. Choat

Debtor(s)

Case No.

Chapter

13

DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR(S)

1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Fed. Bankr. P. 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the above named debtor(s) and that compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, or agreed to be paid to me, for services rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or in connection with the bankruptcy case is as follows:

For legal services, I have agreed to accept	\$ <u>4,000.00</u>
Prior to the filing of this statement I have received	\$ <u>1,650.00</u>
Balance Due	\$ <u>2,350.00</u>

2. \$ 310.00 of the filing fee has been paid.

3. The source of the compensation paid to me was:

Debtor Other (specify):

4. The source of compensation to be paid to me is:

Debtor Other (specify):

5. I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with any other person unless they are members and associates of my law firm.

I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with a person or persons who are not members or associates of my law firm. A copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names of the people sharing in the compensation is attached.

6. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:

- a. Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering advice to the debtor in determining whether to file a petition in bankruptcy;
- b. Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statement of affairs and plan which may be required;
- c. Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;
- d. [Other provisions as needed]

Negotiations with secured creditors to reduce to market value; exemption planning; preparation and filing of reaffirmation agreements and applications as needed; preparation and filing of motions pursuant to 11 USC 522(f)(2)(A) for avoidance of liens on household goods.

7. By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee does not include the following service:

Representation of the debtors in any adversary proceedings.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreement or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in this bankruptcy proceeding.

August 4, 2017

Date

/s/ John A. Reed

John A. Reed

Signature of Attorney

John A. Reed Ltd.

63 W. Jefferson Street # 200

Joliet, IL 60432

Name of law firm

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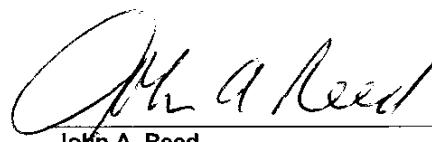
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Date: August 4, 2017

Signed:



Joseph B. Choat



John A. Reed

Attorney for the Debtor(s)

Debtor(s)

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Chapter 13

VERIFICATION OF CREDITOR MATRIX

Number of Creditors: _____ **9**

The above-named Debtor(s) hereby verifies that the list of creditors is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge.

Date: August 4, 2017

/s/ Joseph S. Choat

Joseph S. Choat

Signature of Debtor

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